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## Summer is Coming – Save Money on Your Electric Bill

There are two major costs associated with providing electricity to your home or business; generation and delivery. Generation is the production of electricity and delivery is the transmission over high voltage lines and distribution over local poles and wires. Because CL&P and UI no longer own power plants, other companies are allowed to compete to sell electricity and you can choose an electric supplier. Only the generation portion of your electric bill, the Generation Service Charge or GSC (the first item on your bill), is open to competition.

### Steps to lower your bill:

#### Step 1. Check the current Generation Service Charge (GSC) rate on your electric bill.

The GSC portion of your electric bill covers the cost of producing electricity at power plants. Electric suppliers may offer varying GSC rates which can lower this portion of your electric bill. The cost to produce electricity accounts for over 50% of your electric bill.

#### Step 2. Compare your current GSC rates to rates offered by electric suppliers.

To compare suppliers' GSC rates visit [www.ctenergyinfo.com](http://www.ctenergyinfo.com) or call the Department of Public Utility Control's Consumer Outreach Unit at 1-888-922-3782.

#### Step 3. Contact a supplier to switch.

It takes one billing cycle to implement the switch, so it does not happen immediately. Contact the Department of Public Utility Control's Consumer Outreach Unit at 888-922-3782, the electric supplier or your utility for more detailed information about switching.

If you have additional questions about choosing an electric supplier or need help to do so, you can speak to someone at the Department of Public Utility Control's Consumer Outreach Unit at (1-888-922-3782) or TDD (860-827-2837).

